

Municipal Act 2001, Section 300 Reporting for Taxation Year 2005

Section 300, which is new to the Municipal Act, requires municipalities to report to the public at least once each calendar year on improvements in the efficiency and effectiveness of their service delivery as well as that of their local boards. Municipalities must also report on barriers to achieving improvements in these aspects of service delivery.

The following report identifies improvements in efficiencies, services and barriers that have been identified by their respective departments:

Administration

1. The Municipal Office's computer system was upgraded to better facilitate the needs of staff and public.
2. Updated information is being provided to taxpayers through use of the website and is being reviewed weekly to ensure the taxpayers can locate any information required.
3. Municipal policies and procedures were reviewed and updated addressing general administration and public works/utilities practices.
4. The Municipality's Strategic Plan was revisited and reviewed to ensure that recommendations are being implemented.

Fire Protection

1. Fire safety and public education programs ongoing at schools.
2. Fire inspections being implemented on request in the Camlachie Fire Area and fire inspections were increased in the Wyoming Fire Area.
3. Working on implementation of a "Smoke Alarm" program for the safety of all our residents.
4. Risk assessments conducted in the Camlachie Fire Area.
5. Increased firefighters level of education through training programs for all firefighters to ensure the safety of everyone.
6. Updating and upgrading department operating guidelines to meet requirements and ensure firefighters safety.
7. Wyoming Fire Department updated bunker gear for the safety of our volunteer firefighters.
8. The Wyoming Fire Department purchased a new air refill station and more communication equipment for the fire station.
9. The water truck was remodeled for public safety.

Water/Waste Water

1. A new watermain was installed in the Blue Point Subdivision providing residents with good quality potable water.
2. Two old cast iron watermains in subdivisions along Lake Huron were replaced. This will reduce the need for repairs and provide a good quality of potable water. The new larger mains will supply sufficient water volume for firefighting.
3. All fire hydrants were flow tested to ensure they were working in case of a fire.
4. All valves have been located and identified. Valves that were inoperable have been replaced with new in the Wyoming System.
5. New generators were purchased to provide standby power at sewage pump stations 2 and 5 in the Plympton Sewage System.
6. The solids classifier and east clarifier were replaced or rebuilt in the Plympton Sewage System.

Public Works

1. Egremont Road East was paved for 4 km eliminating the need for gravel maintenance, dust control and grading. This improvement enhanced the quality of life for local residents.
2. A 2.1 km trail on Egremont Road now provides people living in subdivisions along Egremont Road with a safe place to walk, jog and roller blade.
3. Four railway crossings were completely reconstructed providing wider approaches and better visibility of trains for everyone's safety.
5. Main Street East was reconstructed and paved to eliminate potholes and dust in the residential and commercial area of the Village.
6. Uneven and broken sidewalks were replaced in many areas of Wyoming to ensure the safety of our residents.
7. A new asphalt pad was installed around the salt and sand building to address any environmental concerns with any salt and sand that may spill while loading trucks.
7. Construction of drains, sub-drains and catch basins in Errol Village has eliminated the constant wet ditches and breeding grounds for mosquitoes.

Landfill/Garbage Collection

1. Continued provision of curbside pickup including household waste, recyclables, large items and compostables.

Parks and Recreation

1. A new roof was placed on the Arnold Minielly Park Washrooms.
2. New playground equipment was installed at McKay Park.
3. A plan to develop a park on Norman Street was put in place and implemented.
4. Trees were planted in the park in King's Square in Errol Village for beautification.
5. Parks board hired students to cut the grass at the small parks to encourage involvement by students in the community.
6. The ball hockey court was resurfaced to ensure a safe place to play for the children of the community.